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North Carolina State Parks

A guide to the areas set aside and maintained as State Parks for the enjoyment of North Carolina's citizens and their guests — containing general information about the State Parks as a whole and brief word-and-picture descriptions of each.

YOUR STATE PARKS

THE STATE PARKS described in this booklet are the result of planning and development over a number of years.

Endowed by nature with ideal sites that range from the shores of the Atlantic Ocean to the tops of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the State has located its State Parks for easy access as well as for varied appeal. They offer a choice of homelike convenience and comfort in sturdy, modern facilities . . . the hardy outdoor life of tenting and camp cooking . . . or the quick-and-easy freedom of a day's picnicking. The State Parks offer excellent opportunities for economical vacations—either in the modern, fully equipped vacation cabins or in the campgrounds.

We sincerely believe that North Carolina's well planned, well located, well equipped and well maintained State Parks are a matter of justifiable pride in which every citizen has a share. This is earned by your cooperation in observing the lenient rules and leaving the facilities and grounds clean and orderly.

Keep this guide book for handy reference—use your State Parks year 'round for healthful recreation and relaxation!

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GENERAL INFORMATION

ADMINISTRATION

The North Carolina State Parks are developed, operated, maintained and administered by the Department of Conservation and Development through its Division of State Parks.

LOCATION

The location of each North Carolina State Park is shown on the map on pages 16 and 17 and is also shown on North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission maps and on most of the highway maps issued by oil companies.

SEASON OF OPERATION

North Carolina State Parks are open seven days a week the year 'round for picnicking, hiking, nature study, sightseeing and similar uses (except at Mount Mitchell which is governed by weather conditions). Swimming facilities are operated from about June 1 through Labor Day. Refreshment stands are operated from about June 1 through Labor Day, except at Mount Mitchell State Park where they are operated from about May 15 to about October 15. Cabins are available for occupancy from about April 15 to about November 1, depending on weather conditions. Tent

and trailer campgrounds are operated from about March 15 to about November 1, depending on weather conditions.

HOURS OF OPERATION

All North Carolina State Parks are open for public ingress and egress during the following hours:

January, February, December . . . 8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

March, April, November 8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

May, June, July, August,

September, October 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Swimming facilities and refreshment stands open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m.

ADMISSION AND PARKING

Admission to and parking in the North Carolina State Parks are free.

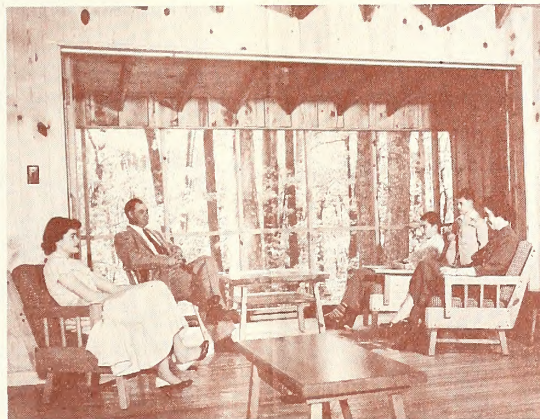
CABINS

Location: Fully equipped vacation cabins are available at Morrow Mountain State Park and Hanging Rock State Park.

Size: Each cabin has two bedrooms, bathroom, living room, and kitchen with dining space. Each cabin accommodates up to six persons which is the maximum number of persons who may occupy one cabin.



VACATION CABIN—MORROW
MOUNTAIN STATE PARK



INTERIOR—STATE PARK
VACATION CABIN



KITCHEN AND DINING AREA
STATE PARK VACATION CABIN

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Furnishings and Equipment: Each cabin is completely furnished and equipped. The furnishings and equipment in each cabin include four single beds, one double sofa bed, tables, chairs and other necessary furniture; electric stove, electric refrigerator and electric hot water heater; dishes, silverware, glassware and cooking utensils for six people; blankets, sheets and pillow cases; bath towels, dish towels, dish cloths.

Children: The Division of State Parks does not supply beds, bedding, etc., for children too small to use regular single beds. Cabin renter must supply such beds, bedding, etc.

Rental Periods: From the first Monday in June to Labor Day, cabins will be rented only on a weekly basis, beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Monday and ending at 10:00 a.m. the following Monday for a minimum of one week and a maximum of two weeks (unless a vacancy makes it possible to extend maximum period).

From Labor Day to about November 1 and from about April 15 to the first Monday in June, cabins may be rented either by the day or by the week.

Rental Rates: From the first Monday in June to Labor Day: \$49.00 a week, plus 3% State Sales Tax. Rental covers electric current, water and free use of swimming facilities.

From Labor Day to about November 1 and from about April 15 to the first Monday in June: \$8.00 a day, plus 3% State Sales Tax, for one day and \$6.00 a day, plus 3% State Sales Tax, for two or more days. Rental covers electric current and water. **RENTALS ARE MADE BY RESERVATION ONLY.**

When Rentals Are Payable: Cabin rental fees for rental periods between the first Monday in June and

Labor Day are due in full thirty (30) days in advance of date on which reservation begins. Cabin rental fees for reservations made less than thirty days in advance are due when reservation is made. Cabin rental fees for rental periods between Labor Day and first Monday in June are payable when reservation is made. The Division of State Parks reserves the right to cancel reservations if this advance payment is not made.

Checks or money orders should be made payable to the Treasurer of North Carolina and mailed to the Park Superintendent of the state park in which reservation is made. *Checks must include 3% State Sales Tax.*

Refunds: No refund of a paid reservation will be made unless a cancellation request is made at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date on which reservation begins. Money will be refunded on a notification of less than fifteen (15) days only when the cabin is re-rented.

Damage Deposit: When a cabin renter is checked into his cabin, a deposit of \$5.00 is required to cover any loss or breakage to State property that may occur during his occupancy and as a clean-up deposit. This deposit is made with the Park Superintendent and is returned to the cabin renter when he is checked out of the cabin, less any deduction necessary for loss or breakage, or for excessive clean-up costs.

Where to Make Reservations: Reservation requests for all rental periods at Morrow Mountain State Park should be made to the *Park Superintendent, Route 2, Albemarle, North Carolina*; and at Hanging Rock State Park to the *Park Superintendent, P. O. Box 126, Danbury, North Carolina.*

TENT AND TRAILER CAMPING

Description of Developed Campgrounds: Each campground has a road through it, over which the camper may drive his car (and trailer) directly to



the individual camp sites. Each camp site is equipped with table and bench, outdoor fireplace, tent site and parking space for car or trailer (except Mount Mitchell State Park which has tent camping only and a central parking area). Each campground has a central wash-house with lavatories, flush toilets and showers for men and for women and built-in laundry washtubs. Sewage disposal and water supply facilities are approved by the North Carolina State Board of Health. Electrical, sewage and water connections for trailers are not available.

Locations: Developed campgrounds are available in Hanging Rock, Jones Lake, Morrow Mountain, Mount Mitchell and William B. Umstead State Parks.

Fees: Fee for the use of the campgrounds is \$1.00 per day for each camp site. Not more than six persons may occupy one camp site.

When Fees Are Payable: If request for camp site reservation is made two weeks or more in advance of date on which reservation begins, fees are payable when reservation is confirmed. Exact date fees are due will be shown on NOTIFICATION OF CAMP SITE RESERVATION card. If application is made less than two weeks in advance of date on which use of camp site will begin, fees are payable with application for camp site reservation.

Refunds: In case of cancellation of reservation, refund of camping fees will be made only if the camp site is re-rented by Park Superintendent.

Season of Operation: Campgrounds are operated from about March 15 to about November 1, de-

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pending upon weather conditions, except at Mount Mitchell where the campground is operated from about May 15 to about October 15.

Length of Stay: Minimum one day; maximum two weeks (unless a vacancy makes it possible to extend maximum period).

Rules and Regulations: Camping in and use of state parks is governed by the North Carolina State Parks Regulations which are posted in each wash-house. There are no special rules or regulations regarding pitching of tents, but tents must be neatly and securely pitched in designated camping areas.

Fires: Fires may be built only in the outdoor fireplaces.

Wood and Water: Wood may be purchased at each state park for a small fee. Each campground has a State Board of Health approved water supply system.

How to Make Reservations: For reservations, write the Park Superintendent of the state park in which you wish to camp. It is advisable to make reservations in advance for camping sites.

GROCERIES AND SUPPLIES

Groceries and other supplies may be secured from towns in the vicinity of the state parks. Some of these towns and their distances from the state parks are given under LOCATION in the description of each state park on pages 8 to 31.



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DOGS AND PETS

No animals or pets (except dogs on a leash not exceeding six feet in length) may be brought into any state park. **NO DOGS OR PETS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE SWIMMING AREA, CABINS, OR CABIN AREA AT ANY TIME.**

BOATING

Row boats are available for rent at Hanging Rock, Jones Lake, Morrow Mountain, and Pettigrew State Parks. Rental is 25c per hour.

FISHING

Fishing in the North Carolina State Parks is subject to rules and regulations of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Fee is 25c per day at some state parks; 50c per day at others.

HIKING

Foot trail systems leading to various points of interest are provided within each state park.

NATURE STUDY

North Carolina State Parks offer excellent opportunities for nature study. Naturalists are on duty at Cliffs of the Neuse, Hanging Rock, Morrow Mountain, Mount Mitchell and William B. Umstead State Parks during the summer months. Park museums are located at Cliffs of the Neuse, Morrow Mountain and Mount Mitchell State Parks.

PICNICKING

Picnic areas equipped with picnic shelters, tables and benches, outdoor fireplaces, toilets, and water and sewer systems are provided free in all state parks. The picnic facilities are ideal for family groups and for large and small organized gatherings. Reservations are not made for the use of picnic areas.

REFRESHMENT STANDS

Cold drinks, sandwiches, candies, cigarettes, crackers, etc., are on sale at refreshment stands operated from about June 1 through Labor Day at Cliffs of the Neuse, Fort Macon, Hanging Rock, Jones Lake and Morrow Mountain State Parks and from about May 15 to about October 15 at Mount Mitchell State Park.

RESTAURANTS

A modern restaurant is operated at Mount Mitchell State Park from about June 1 until about October 15.



SWIMMING AREA—HANGING ROCK STATE PARK

SWIMMING

Swimming facilities are operated from about June 1 through Labor Day at Cliffs of the Neuse, Fort Macon, Jones Lake, Hanging Rock and Morrow Mountain State Parks. Life guards are on duty at all times during swimming hours. **Fees:** 40c for adults; 25c for children under 12. Fee includes checking service, towel and soap.

ORGANIZED GROUP CAMPS

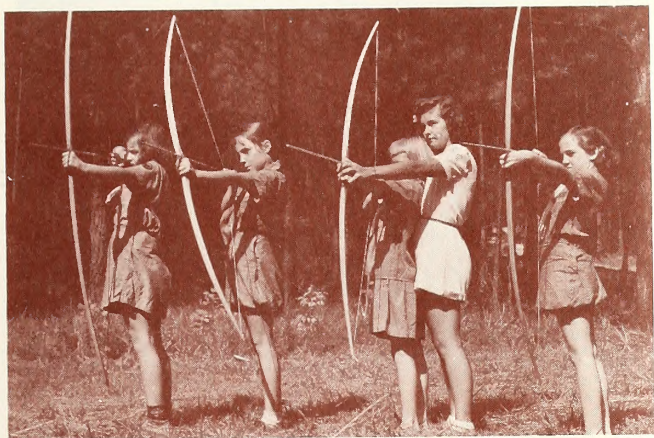
Five complete Organized Group Camps are available in the North Carolina State Parks for organized camping during the summer months and for organized camping and other uses during the spring and fall months. All are available for use by organized youth agencies (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCAs, YWCAs, 4-H Clubs, church organizations, etc.) and by youth and adult organizations or organized groups.

Buildings and Equipment: Each camp includes a mess hall in which there is a kitchen equipped with gas stoves, gas hot water heater, electric refrigerators and sinks. The dining halls are equipped with tables

and benches and can be also used as recreation halls. Each camp includes campers' cabins and counselors' cabins equipped with cots (but not mattresses and bedding); toilets and washhouses; and a water front equipped with swimming dock.

A complete set of cooking utensils and dishes may be rented for each camp at a fee of \$5.00 per week.

Location: Three group camps are located at William B. Umstead State Park. One accommodates 119 persons, another 94 persons, and the third 64 persons.



**ARCHERY CLASS AT CAMP LAPIHIO
WILLIAM B. UMSTEAD STATE PARK**

One group camp accommodating 64 persons is located at Reedy Creek State Park.

One group camp accommodating 120 persons is located at Singletary Lake Group Camp.

Fees for Organized Camping:

From June 1 Through Labor Day rental fees are as follows: 94, 119 and 120 person capacity camps, \$90.00 a week or \$1.25 per week per person, whichever is the greater, plus cost of electricity, gas and fuel; 64 person capacity camp, \$65.00 per week or \$1.25 per week per person, whichever is the greater, plus cost of electricity, gas and fuel. *During Other Months* rental fees are 25c per day per person, plus cost of electricity, gas and fuel with minimum fees of \$5.00 a day without mess hall or \$12.50 a day with mess hall.

Fees for Use Other Than Organized Camping:

Group camps are not available for this type of use during June, July and August. Fees are \$6.00 per

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day for lodges (including wood) and \$20.00 per day for mess halls (including electricity, wood and up to 50 units of gas).

How to Make Reservations: Requests for organized group camp reservations at William B. Umstead State Park should be made to the *Park Superintendent, William B. Umstead State Park, Route 1, Cary, North Carolina*; at Reedy Creek State Park to the *Park Superintendent, Reedy Creek State Park, Route 1, Cary, North Carolina*; at Singletary Lake Group Camp to the *Park Superintendent, Singletary Lake Group Camp, Elizabethtown, North Carolina*.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

North Carolina State Park Rules and Regulations are posted at various places in each state park and are enforced by the park superintendents and park rangers. They include the usual provisions prohibiting cutting of trees or other vegetation, damage to state park property, building of fires, except in outdoor fireplaces, etc.

SANITARY FACILITIES

North Carolina State Parks are equipped with sanitary and water supply facilities that are approved by the North Carolina State Board of Health.

WILDLIFE

All North Carolina State Parks are wildlife sanctuaries and hunting, trapping or, in any way, molesting birds or animals are not permitted. Firearms, cats and dogs (except dogs on a leash not exceeding six feet in length) are not permitted within the state parks.

... CLIFFS OF THE NEUSE ...



THE BEACH



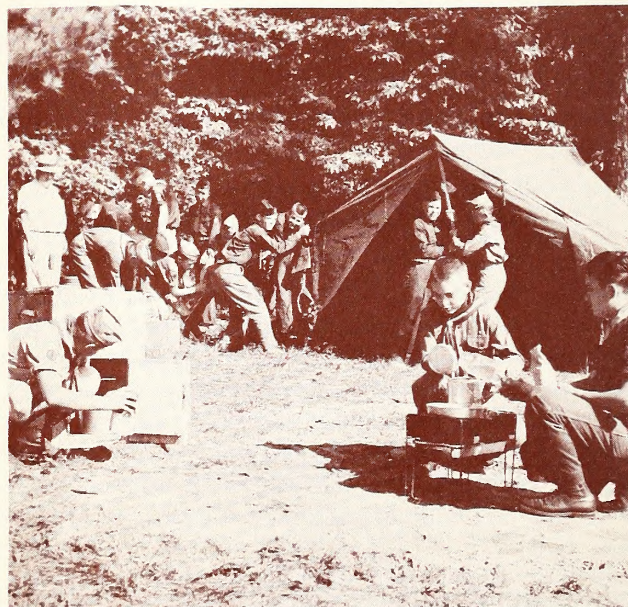
NATURE STUDY TRAIL



FAMILY GROUPS PICNICKING



ROASTING WEINERS



BOY SCOUTS SETTING UP CAMP

. State Park

LOCATION

Cliffs of the Neuse State Park is on the banks of the Neuse River in Wayne County, 14 miles southeast of Goldsboro on North Carolina Highway 111. *Mailing Address:* Cliffs of the Neuse State Park, Route 2, Seven Springs, North Carolina. *Telephone:* Goldsboro 767-M-4.

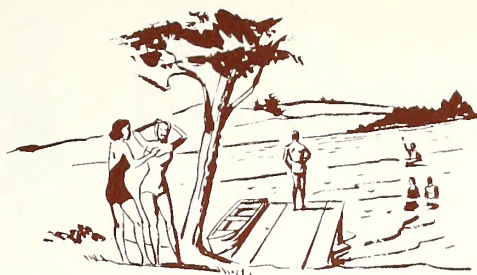
DESCRIPTION

Cliffs of the Neuse State Park was acquired by gift in 1945 and was established as a state park for the preservation of distinctive scenic and natural features and the provision of facilities for outdoor recreation. It includes 355 acres and lies on both sides of the Neuse River. The most striking natural feature is the cliffs, rising ninety feet above the Neuse River. These cliffs are a unique geological feature in this section of the State. This state park is very interesting botanically because of the unusual mixture of plants, trees and shrubs it contains. Mountain galax, most unusual in the eastern part of the State, contrasts with Spanish moss. Beech, hickory, gum and several species of oak and pine are among the many species of trees in the park. In season, the flowering plants include dogwood, redbud and many other flowering shrubs and herbaceous plants. Bobwhite and numerous songbirds frequent the park, and the animals include rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, opossum and muskrat.

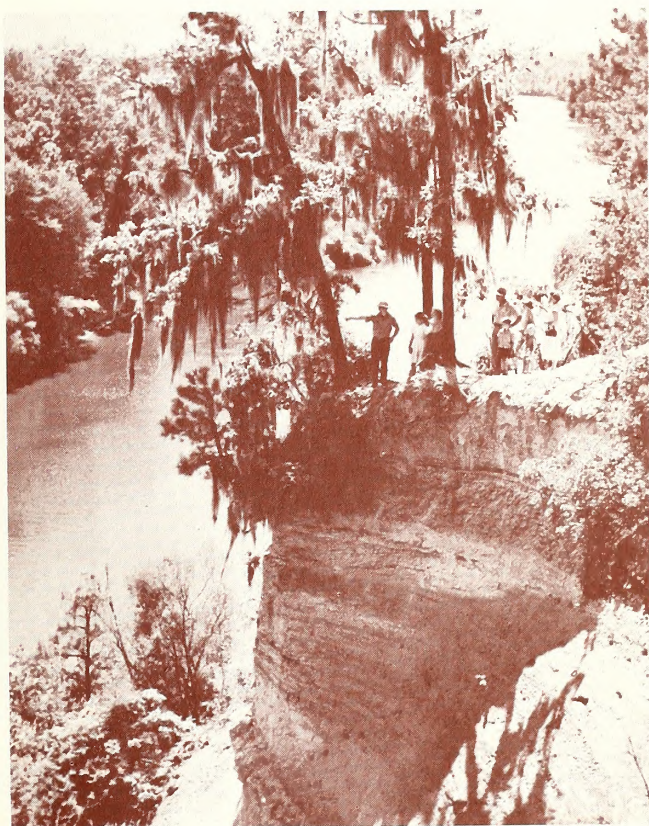
Two clear streams flow through the park and are accessible by foot trail. On one of them, a lake has been created which affords swimming and fishing.

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Swimming—Bathhouse and lake with sand beach and protected bathing area. Open from about June 1 through Labor Day. *Fishing*—Bass and panfish



in lake and Neuse River. *Picnicking*—Picnic area equipped with picnic shelter, tables and benches, outdoor fireplaces, water and toilets. *Refreshment Stands*—Cold drinks, sandwiches, candies, cigarettes, etc., for sale at bathhouse from about June 1 through Labor Day. *Camping*—Limited tent camping permitted. No developed campgrounds. *Hiking*—System of foot trails. *Nature Study*—Park museum. Nature trails. Naturalist on duty June, July and August. *Park Roads and Parking Areas*—Paved park road system to all developed public use facilities. Paved parking areas serving Cliffs Overlook area, picnic area and swimming area.



THE CLIFFS

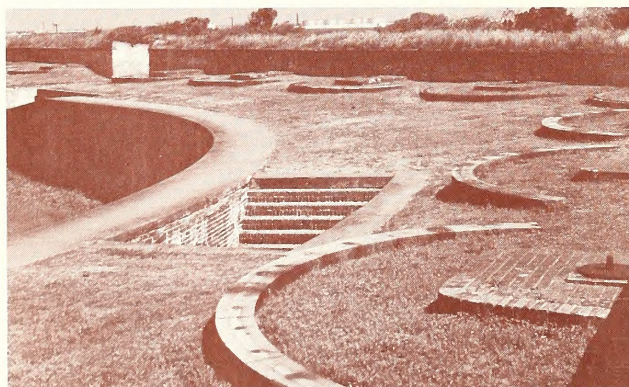


PICNICKING AMONG THE SAND DUNES



THE PARADE—FORT MACON

PROTECTED
BEACH



GUN MOUNTS AT FORT MACON



SURF CASTING IN ATLANTIC OCEAN

FORT MACON State Park

LOCATION

Located in Carteret County, across Bogue Sound from Morehead City and Beaufort, Fort Macon is easily accessible over paved roads from U. S. 70 at the western edge of Morehead City. *Mailing Address:* Fort Macon State Park, P. O. Box 127, Atlantic Beach, North Carolina. *Telephone:* Morehead City 6-3775.

DESCRIPTION

Fort Macon State Park, bounded by the Atlantic Ocean on the south and Bogue Sound on the north, is on the barrier beach of Bogue Island and extends some two miles westward from Beaufort Inlet. Within the park is historic Fort Macon, a hundred-year-old masterpiece of architectural beauty, seized by the Confederate forces in April, 1861, and captured by the Union forces on April 26, 1862. Since early Colonial days, the location of the present fort has been the site of fortifications for the protection of Beaufort Inlet.

No less interesting is the natural beauty of Fort Macon State Park. The high dunes, covered with the waving plumes of sea oats, old cedars picturesquely shorn by the winds, live oaks, red-berried yaupon, the green marshes along the sound, the ceaseless breaking of the ocean on the beach, are all a part of a coastal area of unusually high scenic values.

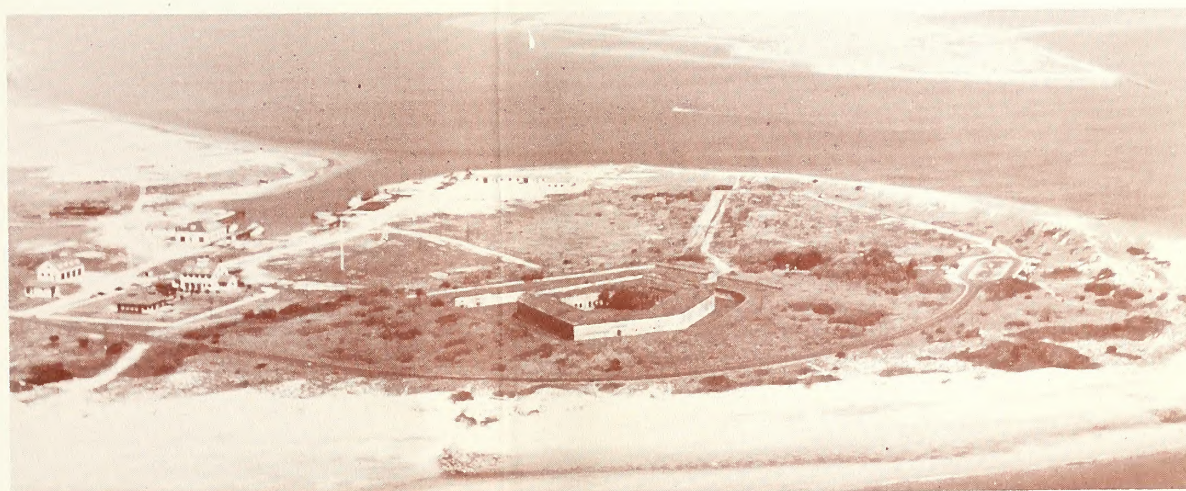
The park is populated by a host of shore birds, including gulls, terns, pipers and the like.

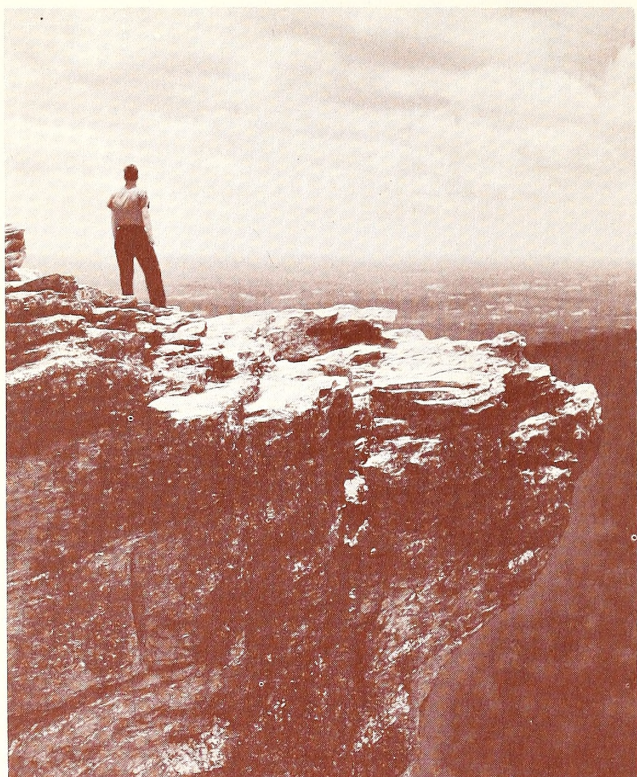
Fort Macon, established in 1924 by transfer from the Federal government, was the second North Carolina State Park to be acquired. It was established and is maintained for the three-fold purpose of protecting and preserving outstanding natural and scenic values, protecting and preserving Fort Macon, and providing recreational use of natural resources.

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Swimming—Modern bathhouse, boardwalk and protected swimming area in Atlantic Ocean. Open about June 1 through Labor Day. *Fishing*—Surf casting in ocean and sound from shores of park. *Picnicking*—Picnic area equipped with picnic shelter, tables and benches, outdoor fireplaces, water and toilets. *Refreshment Stand*—Cold drinks, sandwiches, candies, cigarettes, etc., for sale near bathhouse and picnic area from about June 1 through Labor Day. *Hiking*—Over sand dunes or along ocean shore. *Nature Study*—Excellent opportunities for study of bird, seashore and plant life. *Historic Structure*—Old Fort Macon partially restored. Museum in fort. *Park Roads and Parking Areas*—Paved park road system to all developed public use facilities. Paved parking areas at the fort and near bathhouse and picnic area.

AERIAL
VIEW
OF
FORT
MACON





SCENIC VIEW FROM PICTURESQUE VANTAGE POINT



HIKING IS POPULAR



A PEACEFUL FAMILY CAMP



THE BEACH AND BATHHOUSE

HANGING ROCK . . . State Park

LOCATION

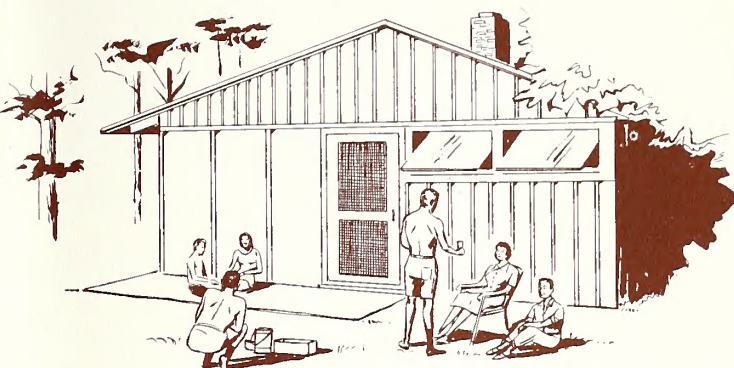
Hanging Rock State Park is in Stokes County, four miles northwest of Danbury, 14 miles from Walnut Cove, and 32 miles north of Winston-Salem. Accessible over paved roads from North Carolina highways 89 and 66. *Mailing Address:* Hanging Rock State Park, P. O. Box 126, Danbury, North Carolina. *Telephone:* Danbury 7174.

DESCRIPTION

Located in the Sauratown Mountains, one of the most easterly mountainous areas in the State, Hanging Rock State Park offers a variety of features, both natural and man-made, that afford interest and pleasure. Here is natural beauty in profusion. Rugged mountain terrain, clear sparkling mountain streams, waterfalls and cascades, a cool inviting lake nestled in the hills, extensive growths of laurel, rhododendron, stewartia, and other flowering shrubs, beautiful interior and distant views—all these await the visitor.

Included in the 3,865 acres of Hanging Rock State Park are Hanging Rock and Moore's Knob. From Moore's Knob, elevation 2,572 feet, one may look across the valley of the Dan River, with its patchwork of tobacco fields, to the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina and Virginia. From Hanging Rock, miles of the upper portion of the Piedmont Plateau are spread out before the eye.

Hanging Rock State Park lies on the Piedmont Plateau, an ancient erosion surface underlain by highly altered rocks. Most of the rocks were originally sandstone, but, under conditions of great heat and pressure, they were changed to massive quartzites and foliated rocks, such as quartz-schist and quartz-mica schist. Hanging Rock, Cook's Wall and Moore's Knob owe their greater height to the fact that they are composed of quartzite—a type of rock with superior resistance to erosion. Under the combined action of heat and cold and water, the softer rocks have been eroded, leaving the quartzite to form peaks. Also interesting geologically is a rare and peculiar variety of sandstone, itacolumite, known locally as flexible sandstone, which is flexible and may be easily bent.



The wealth of plant life at Hanging Rock State Park is particularly interesting, not only to the botanist but, because of the beauty of flower and form of many of the species, to the layman as well. Plants typical of the Piedmont and of the lower mountain ranges are represented. Although the work of identification is not complete, over three hundred different species have been listed, some of them quite uncommon. Animals include fox, squirrel, opossum and raccoon.

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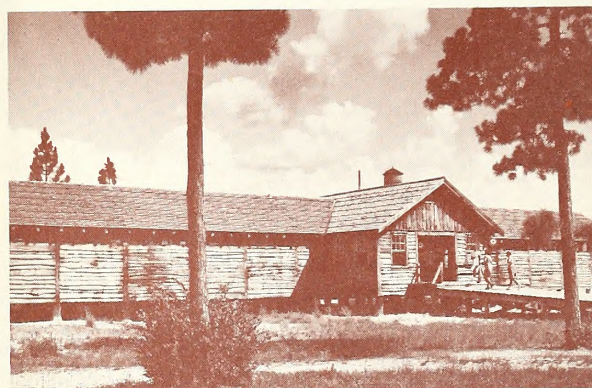
Swimming—Bathhouse and lake with sand beach and protected water area. Open about June 1 through Labor Day. *Boating*—Boathouse and boats for rent on lake. *Fishing*—Bass and panfish in lake. *Picnicking*—Two picnic areas each equipped with picnic shelter, tables and benches, outdoor fireplaces, water and toilets. *Refreshment Stands*—Cold drinks, sandwiches, candies, cigarettes, souvenirs, etc., for sale at picnic area and bathhouse from about June 1 through Labor Day. *Camping*—Tent and trailer campground with individual camp sites and central washhouse and toilets. *Vacation Cabins*—Six completely equipped vacation cabins. *Hiking*—System of foot trails to points of interest. *Nature Study*—Nature trails. Naturalist on duty June, July and August. *Lookout Tower*—Stone lookout tower on Moore's Knob. *Park Roads and Parking Areas*—Paved park road system to all developed public use facilities. Parking areas serving picnic areas and bathhouse and lake.



THE BEACH AND BOATHOUSE



FAMILY PICNIC



THE BATHHOUSE



BOATING ON JONES LAKE



ONE OF MANY ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

JONES LAKE State Park

LOCATION

In Bladen County, four miles from Elizabethtown on State Highway 242. *Mailing Address:* Jones Lake State Park, Elizabethtown, North Carolina. *Telephone:* Elizabethtown 2161.

DESCRIPTION

Jones Lake State Park covers 2,000 acres and is maintained and operated exclusively for Negro use. The area contains typical Coastal Plain forest landscape and good examples of pocosins, which are upland swamps peculiar to the eastern parts of the Carolinas and Georgia. Jones Lake, one of the natural lakes said to have been formed by the impact of meteorites on the earth's surface, has an area of 224 acres and is the most important natural feature. With its placid surface and cypress bordered shores, it forms a beautiful landscape picture.

The park contains a great variety of trees and shrubs. The most conspicuous tree is the stately long leaf pine with its distinctive long needles. Other trees include loblolly pine, pond pine which grows in the pocosins, juniper (white cedar), gum, American holly and turkey oak. Distinctive shrubs include the loblolly or bull bay with its beautiful white flowers and pungent leaves, wax myrtle, gallberry and fetter bush with flowers like those of the lily-of-the-valley.

Animals include deer, fox, squirrel and muskrat. Turkey, redwing blackbird, owls, hawks and numerous songbirds are included among the birds.

Jones Lake State Park is within the boundaries of 40,000-acre Bladen Lakes State Forest.

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Swimming—Bathhouse and lake with sand beach and protected water area. Open from about June 1 through Labor Day. *Boating*—Boathouse and boats for rent on lake. *Fishing*—Bass and panfish in lake.

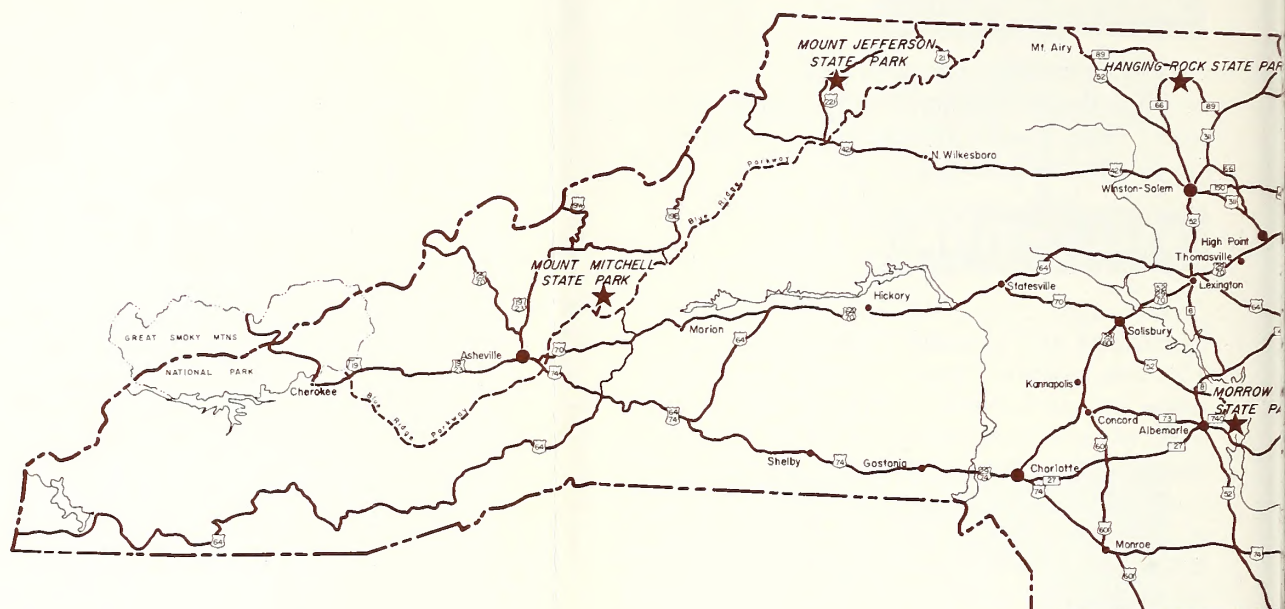


Picnicking—Picnic area equipped with picnic shelter, tables and benches, outdoor fireplaces, water and toilets. *Refreshment Stand*—Cold drinks, sandwiches, candies, cigarettes, etc., for sale at refreshment stand near bathhouse from about June 1 through Labor Day. *Camping*—Tent and trailer campground with individual camp sites and central washhouse and toilets. *Hiking*—Over fire trails. *Nature Study*—Excellent opportunities for nature study. *Park Roads and Parking Areas*—Paved park road system to all developed areas. Paved parking area near bathhouse and picnic area.



COOLING SPORT

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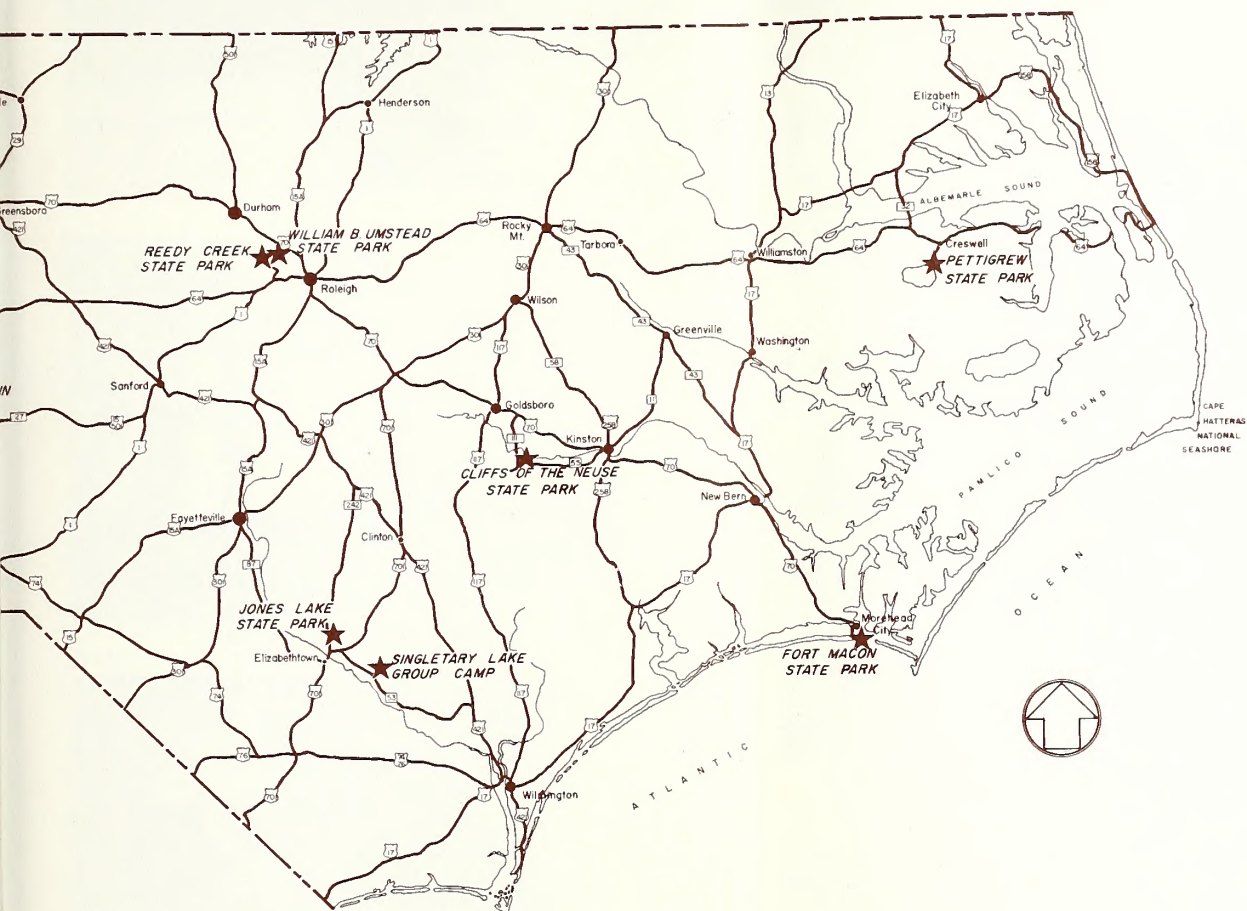


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| CLIFFS OF THE NEUSE | 14 MILES SE OF GOLOSBOBO | US 70 NC 55 & 111 | ● | ● | | ● | ● | ● | | P | | | | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | | 355 | 1945 |
| FORT MACON | 2 MILES E OF ATLANTIC BEACH | US 70 & STATE ROAD | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | | | | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | ● | 390 | 1924 |
| HANGING ROCK | 32 MILES N OF WINSTON-SALEM | NC 89 & 66 | ● | ● | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | ● | | 3865 | 1935 |
| JONES LAKE | 4 MILES N OF ELIZABETHTOWN | NC 242 | ● | ● | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | | | 2000 | 1939 |
| MORROW MOUNTAIN | 7 MILES E OF ALBEMARLE | NC 27 & 73 NC 740 | ● | ● | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | ● | 4135 | 1935 |
| MOUNT JEFFERSON | 1 MILE SW OF JEFFERSON | US 221 | ● | ● | | ● | | | | | | | | | ● | ● | | | | | 474 | 1956 |
| MOUNT MITCHELL | 33 MILES NE OF ASHEVILLE | BLUERIDGE PARKWAY | ● | ● | | ● | ● | | ● | | | ● | | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | 1224 | 1915 |
| PETTIGREW | 9 MILES S OF CRESWELL | US 64 & STATE ROAD | ● | ● | ● | P | | | | | | | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | | ● | 16,828 | 1939 |
| REEDY CREEK | 10 MILES NW OF RALEIGH | US 70A & 1 NC 54 | ● | ● | | ● | | | P | | ● | | | ● | ● | ● | | | | | 1234 | 1943 |
| SINGLETARY LAKE | 10 MILES SE OF ELIZABETHTOWN | NC 53 | | ● | | | | | P | | ● | | ● | ● | ● | | | | | | 1287 | 1939 |
| WILLIAM B. UMSTEAD | 12 MILES NW OF RALEIGH | US 70 | ● | ● | | ● | | | ● | ● | ● | | | ● | ● | ● | | | | | 3846 | 1943 |

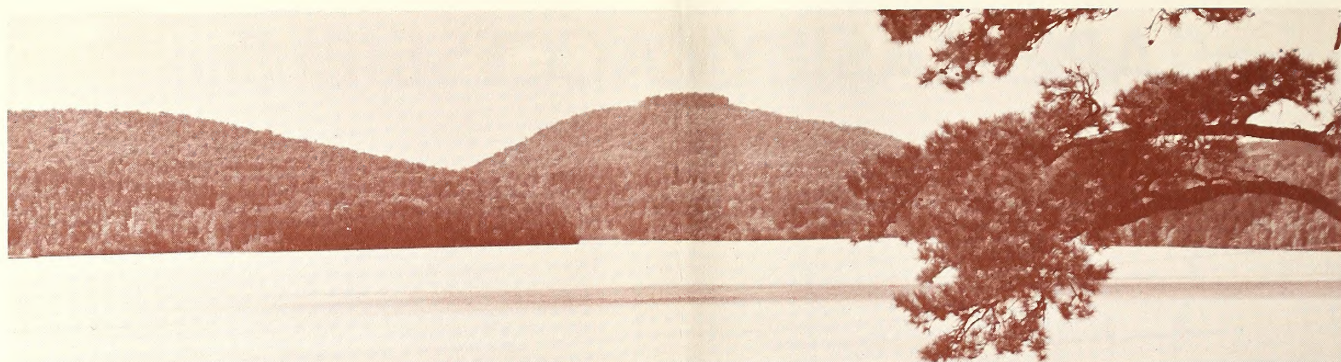
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INFORMATION ON
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MORROW MOUNTAIN FROM THE PEE DEE RIVER



MODERN BATHHOUSE AND SWIMMING POOL



ONE OF THE VACATION CABINS

**YOUNG
FAWN
RESTING**



EVERYBODY ENJOYS A PICNIC



BOY SCOUTS CAMPING

MORROW MOUNTAIN State Park

LOCATION

Stanly County, seven miles east of Albemarle. Accessible over paved roads from North Carolina Highways 27, 73 and 740. *Mailing Address:* Morrow Mountain State Park, Route 2, Albemarle, North Carolina. *Telephone:* Albemarle YU2-4402.

DESCRIPTION

Covering 4,135 acres in the Uwharrie Mountains on the banks of the Pee Dee River, Morrow Mountain State Park is one of the outstanding scenic attractions of the Piedmont.

Its decidedly mountainous appearance is accentuated by the sharp differences in elevation between the hills and the surrounding country-side, and is emphasized by the heavy growths of laurel in the stream valleys and on the hillsides.

From Morrow Mountain, Tater Top, Attaiway, Sugar Loaf, and other hill tops, there are wonderful panoramic views that extend for miles. The broad expanse of the Pee Dee River flowing placidly along the eastern boundary of the park, the hills ranging to the north and east, the rolling farm lands dotted with grain fields and stretching westward from the hills, are parts of the picture that greets the eye—a picture which is full of the beauty of nature at any season. In the spring, the fresh new green of the pines and the white of the dogwood bloom on the hillsides herald the new season. In the fall, the hills are clothed with the flaming beauty of autumn foliage.

Morrow Mountain State Park is part of an area most interesting geologically. The Uwharrie Mountains, which form a part of what remains of the Ocoee Mountains, are a portion of the oldest mountain range in America—far older than the mountains of the Appalachian System.

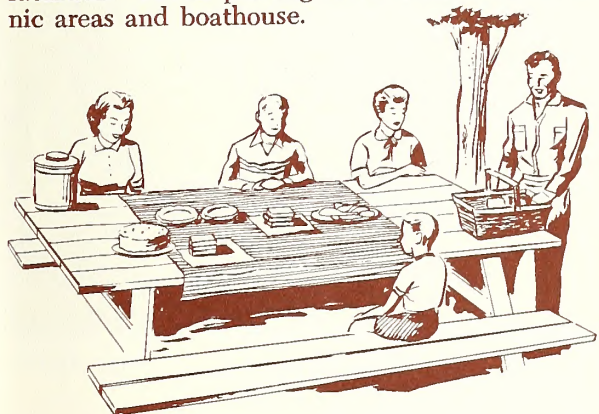
Within the park is a great variety of plant life. Dogwood, redbud, red cedar, holly, oak, maple, pine are but a few of the larger species under which grow many kinds of shrubs and herbaceous plants. Plant

associations of both the woods and the open fields are present.

Deer, fox, squirrel, raccoon and opossum are among the most frequently seen animals. Turkey, quail, and many species of songbirds inhabit the park.

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Swimming—Modern bathhouse and swimming pool. Open from about June 1 through Labor Day. *Boating*—Boathouse and boats for rent on Pee Dee River. *Fishing*—Bass and panfish in Pee Dee River. *Picnicking*—Two picnic areas (one near bathhouse and one on top of Morrow Mountain) each equipped with picnic shelter, tables and benches, outdoor fireplaces, water and toilets. *Refreshment Stands*—Cold drinks, sandwiches, candies, cigarettes, etc., for sale at bathhouse and on top of Morrow Mountain (Sundays only) from about June 1 through Labor Day. *Camping*—Tent and trailer campground with individual camp sites and central washhouse and toilets. *Vacation Cabins*—Six completely equipped vacation cabins. *Recreation Lodge*—Contains large room for meetings, lectures and other gatherings. Advance reservation required for use of recreation lodge. *Hiking*—System of foot trails. *Nature Study*—Nature trails. Park museum. Naturalist on duty June, July and August. *Historic Structures*—The original residence of Dr. Francis Joseph Kron, prominent early Stanly County physician and citizen, and some of the outbuildings connected with the residence are now being restored. *Park Roads and Parking Areas*—Paved park road system to all developed public use facilities. Paved parking areas near bathhouse, picnic areas and boathouse.



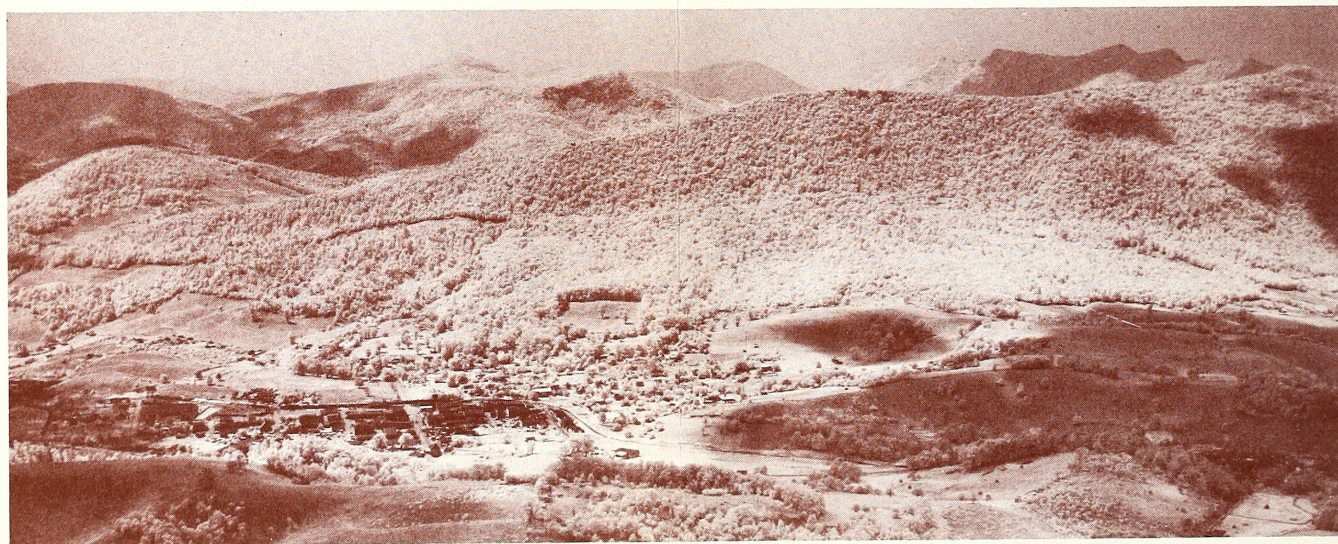
MOUNT JEFFERSON State Park . .



SLOPES OF MOUNT JEFFERSON



ANOTHER VIEW OF MOUNT JEFFERSON



VIEW FROM MOUNT JEFFERSON

LOCATION

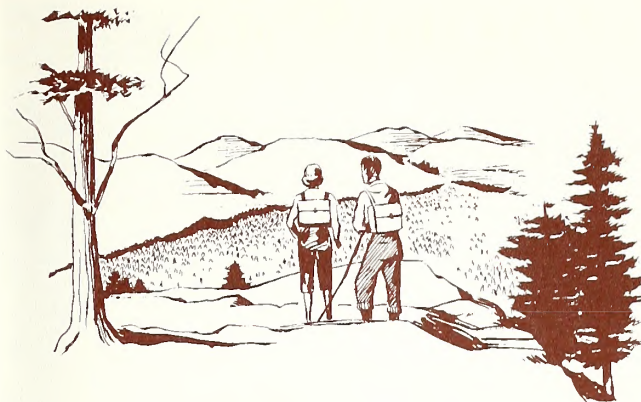
In Ashe County, four miles from Jefferson and the same distance from West Jefferson. Accessible over improved road leaving U. S. 221 midway between Jefferson and West Jefferson.

DESCRIPTION

Mount Jefferson State Park covers 464 acres and includes the peak and slopes of Mount Jefferson. Fine panoramic views of the country for miles around may be seen from various points within the park.

Mount Jefferson is a steep-sided northwesterly trending mountain that rises abruptly for more than 1600 feet above the surrounding terrain. It lies along the drainage divide of North Fork and South Fork of New River, and these drainage systems had important influences on the size and shape of the mountain. This and other high mountains in the area are but remnants of a broad high plateau that existed throughout much of Western North Carolina in past geologic times but which has been greatly dissected as a result of the weathering of the underlying rocks and their removal by stream action and other erosive forces. Mount Jefferson has formed as a result of the resistance of the underlying rocks to these erosive forces.

The park includes a wide variety of forest trees, shrubs and flowers. At the lower elevations, sugar maple, red maple, black locust, ash, hickory, yellow poplar, birch, basswood, chestnut oak, white oak and the various red oaks are found. The upper elevations are almost completely occupied by chestnut oak with a heavy undergrowth of purple rhododendron and mountain laurel. From June 10 until July 1, the



mountain is particularly attractive with this profusion of flowering shrubbery. Other flowering trees and shrubs are service berry, bush honeysuckle, azalea and dogwood. Wild iris, jack-in-the-pulpit, violets, galax, mosses, ferns and huckleberries are plants of interest that can be found in the park.

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Picnicking—A picnic area equipped with tables and benches and outdoor fireplaces. *Hiking*—Over trail along summit of mountain. *Nature Study*—Interesting opportunities for nature study. *Park Roads*—Improved road to near summit.



WOOD THRUSH NESTLINGS

MOUNT MITCHELL State Park . . .



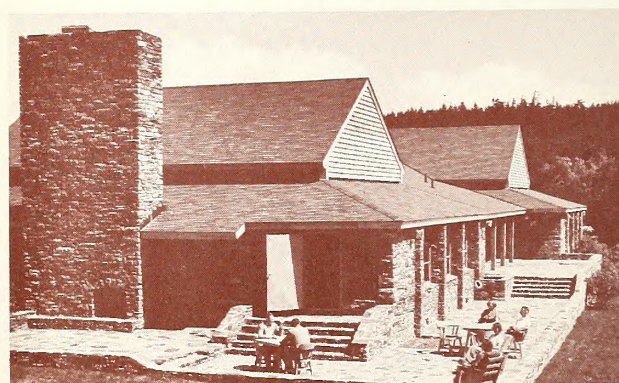
MOUNT MITCHELL FROM ROAN MOUNTAIN



HIKING IN THE SPRUCE-BALSAM FOREST



THE STONE OBSERVATION TOWER



THE RESTAURANT AND OBSERVATION LOUNGE

LOCATION

Mount Mitchell State Park is in the Black Mountains of Yancey County, 34 miles northeast of Asheville and 32 miles from Marion. It is reached over a paved road from the Blue Ridge Parkway. *Mailing Address:* Mount Mitchell State Park, P. O. Box 328, Marion, North Carolina. *Telephone:* Marion—County 1630.

DESCRIPTION

Mount Mitchell State Park is truly in “the land of the sky”—no place in the park is less than a mile high. The dominant feature is Mount Mitchell, the highest peak in Eastern United States, towering 6,684 feet above sea level. The views from Mount Mitchell, and from other parts of the park, are among the most beautiful and magnificent in the Southern Appalachians. Protected within the park are several hundred acres of virgin balsam and spruce forest.

The plant life of Mount Mitchell State Park, like the climate, is more that of Canada than Carolina. The forests are almost pure balsam and spruce stands, but some yellow birch, paper birch, red cherry, mountain ash and hemlock may also be found. Shrubs include two species of rhododendron, elder, mountain maple and wild hydrangea.

Animals include the black bear, small red squirrel, woodchuck, wildcat and civet cat. Ruffed grouse and the Carolina junco (snowbird) are found in the park most of the time, while robins, wrens, song sparrows and other songbirds are summer residents.

Mount Mitchell State Park was the first state park to be established in North Carolina. The 1,224 acres included in it were purchased by the State in 1915 to protect and preserve Mount Mitchell and the outstanding scenic and natural values of the park, and to provide outdoor recreation and vacation use.

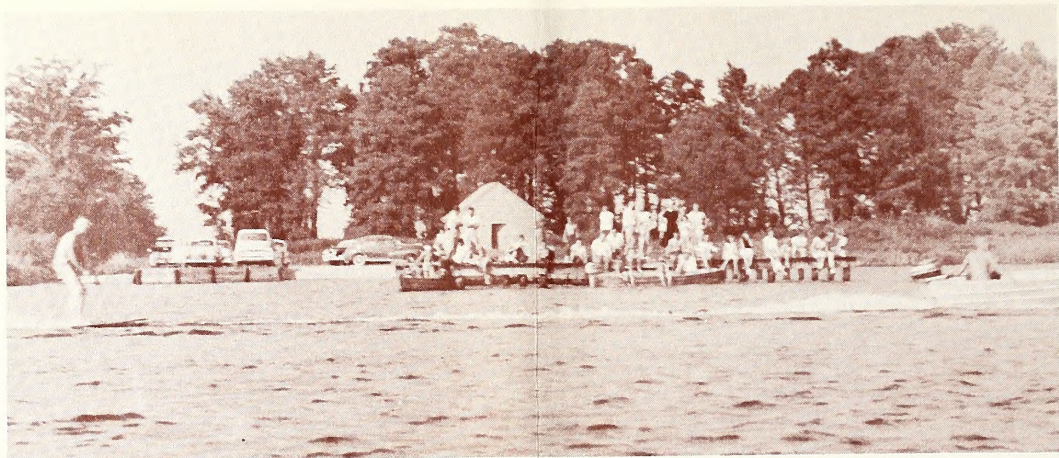


INTERSECTION OF MOUNT MITCHELL ROAD
WITH BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

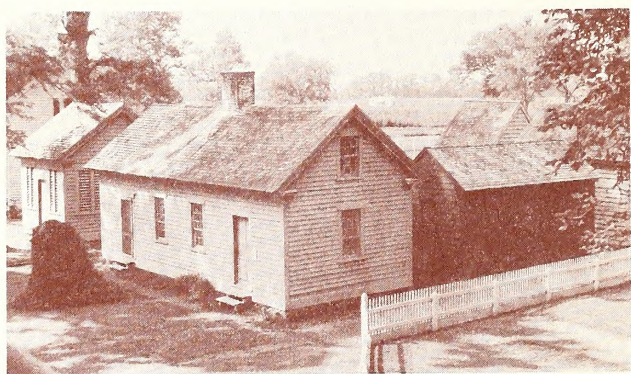
FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Picnicking—Picnic areas equipped with picnic shelters, tables and benches, outdoor fireplaces, water and toilets. *Refreshment Stand*—Coffee, cold drinks, sandwiches, candies, cigarettes, souvenirs, etc., for sale near summit from about May 15 to about October 15. *Camping*—Tent campground with individual camp sites and central washhouse and toilets. *Restaurant*—Operated in recreation lodge from about June 1 to about October 15. *Recreation Lodge*—Contains public toilets, large room for meetings, lectures and other gatherings in addition to restaurant. *Hiking*—System of foot trails. *Nature Study*—Trails. Park museum. Naturalist on duty June, July and August. *Lookout Tower*—Stone lookout tower on Mount Mitchell. *Park Roads and Parking Areas*—Paved park road to a point near the summit of Mount Mitchell. Paved parking areas near summit, picnic area, campgrounds, restaurant and recreation lodge.

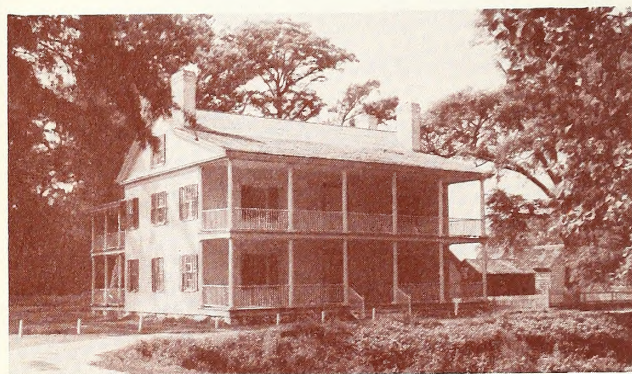




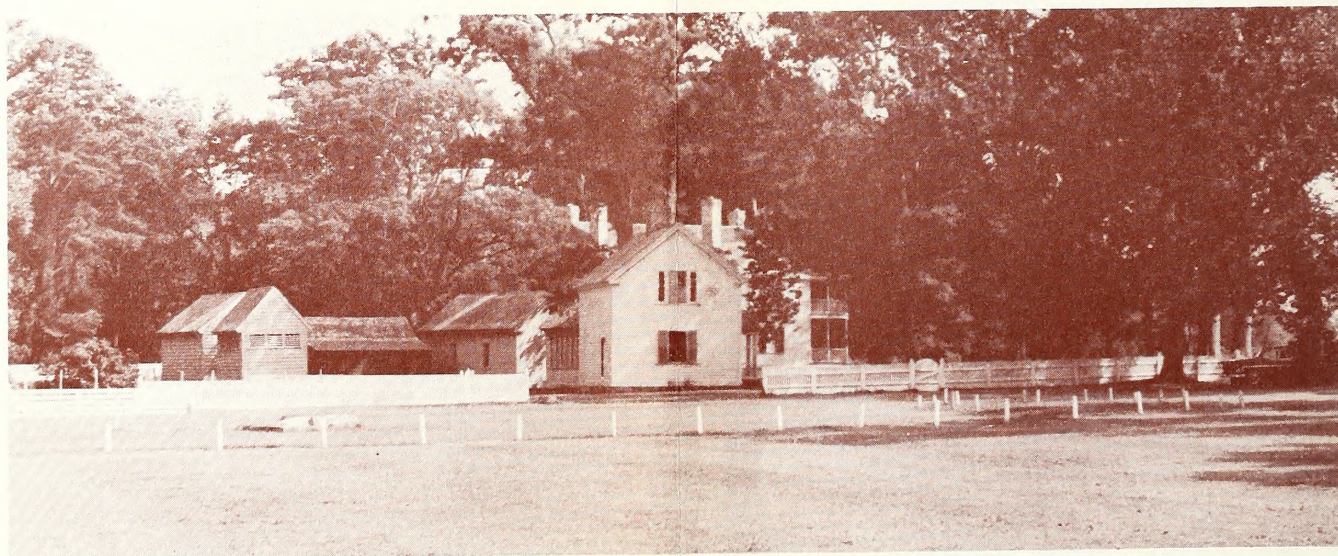
BOATING ON LAKE PHELPS



THE KITCHEN AND OUTBUILDINGS—SOMERSET PLACE



THE MANSION HOUSE—SOMERSET PLACE



THE GROUNDS—SOMERSET PLACE

PETTIGREW

State Park

LOCATION

In Washington and Tyrrell Counties, on the shores of Lake Phelps, nine miles south of Creswell. Accessible over paved road from U. S. 64 at Creswell. *Mailing Address:* Pettigrew State Park, Creswell, North Carolina.

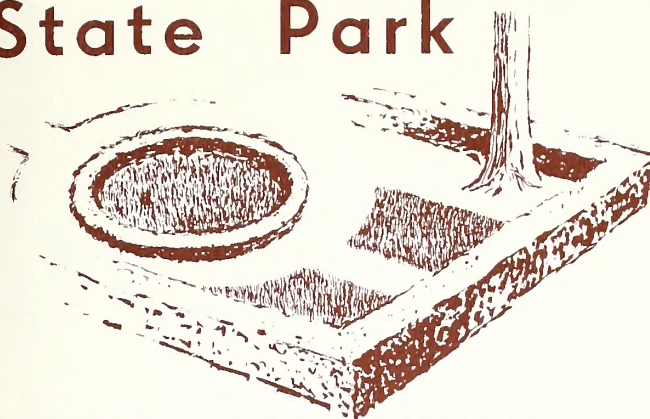
DESCRIPTION

Pettigrew State Park, named after General James Johnston Pettigrew, Civil War hero, who is buried just outside of the park, is on the shores of Lake Phelps in the historic Albemarle section of the low level Coastal Plain.

The park is located on portions of two fine old plantations, "Bonarva" and "Somerset Place," which flourished from the late seventeen hundreds until the Civil War. Somerset Place was established about 1787 by Josiah Collins and two associates. Josiah Collins had emigrated to the United States from Somersetshire, England, and after brief residences in Boston and Halifax, North Carolina, settled in Edenton where he established a thriving mercantile and shipping business and a prosperous rope walk. Bonarva Plantation was established about 1789 by Charles Pettigrew who was the first Bishop-elect of the Episcopal Church of North Carolina. To bring these and the other plantations in the vicinity to full cultivation, many miles of canals had to be dug to convert the swampy land into fertile fields. The canals, all dug by slave labor, are still in existence.

Among the remaining buildings is the manor of Somerset Place. This house, an interesting example of Greek Revival architecture as it was adapted to Eastern North Carolina, was built on the shores of Lake Phelps by Josiah Collins III in the early 1830s. The Pettigrew House, Bonarva, begun in 1789 by Charles Pettigrew and enlarged by Ebenezer Pettigrew, was burned in 1860.

State-owned Lake Phelps, one of the most beautiful of North Carolina's natural lakes, adds greatly to the natural beauty of the park. A magnificent cypress growth along the lake shore is not the least of the attractions that await the visitor. These great old trees, which have seen the rise and decline of the large plantations, form a most attractive setting for the lake, which has long been an angler's paradise. In the 16,600-acre lake, second largest natural lake in the State, black bass and panfish abound.



FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Boating—Boat pier and launching site for boats. Row boats for rent. *Fishing*—Excellent panfish and bass fishing in Lake Phelps. *Historic Structures*—Somerset Place manor house, and other buildings and features of Somerset Place. The grounds, walks, drives, some of the buildings and part of the gardens have been restored.



OLD CYPRESS ALONG CANAL BANK

**THE MAIN
PICNIC SHELTER**



CAMPERS' CABIN IN CAMP WHISPERING PINES



MOURNING DOVES AND YOUNG



NATURE STUDY CLASS

REEDY CREEK State Park

LOCATION

Reedy Creek State Park is in Wake County, near Raleigh. It is reached from U. S. Highway 1 by turning north over paved road at North Carolina State Fairground. *Mailing Address:* Reedy Creek State Park, Route 1, Cary, North Carolina. *Telephone:* Raleigh-Hopkins 7-3962.

DESCRIPTION

Reedy Creek State Park is maintained and operated for Negro use. Covering 1,234 acres, the park is one of the most beautiful wooded areas in the eastern edge of the Piedmont. Its forest growths include stands of pine, mixed hardwood and pine stands, and stands composed entirely of hardwoods. With its forest growth, its quite rugged topography and picturesque streams, it is an outstanding example of eastern Piedmont landscape.

The park has an abundance of plant and animal life. Several species of pine and oak, hickory, black gum, sweet gum and tulip tree are only a few of the different kinds of trees on the park. Dogwood, redbud and mountain laurel are numbered among the shrubs in addition to many herbaceous plants.

Animal and bird life is abundant too. Fox, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum and muskrat inhabit the park. Turkey, quail, several species of owls and hawks, and many songbirds may be seen.



Situated in the heavily populated Raleigh-Durham area, Reedy Creek State Park is within a short driving distance of many people. Its opportunities for group camping, outings, day-use and the study of natural sciences are excellent.

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Picnicking—Picnic area equipped with picnic shelter, tables and benches, outdoor fireplaces, water and toilets. *Organized Camping*—Complete group camp for use of organized youth groups during summer months and youth and adult groups during other months. *Hiking*—System of foot trails. *Nature Study*—Excellent opportunities for nature study. *Park Roads and Parking Areas*—Park road system to all developed public use facilities. Parking area near picnic area.



HIKING EXPEDITION LEAVING CAMP

**MEALTIME IN
THE MESS HALL**



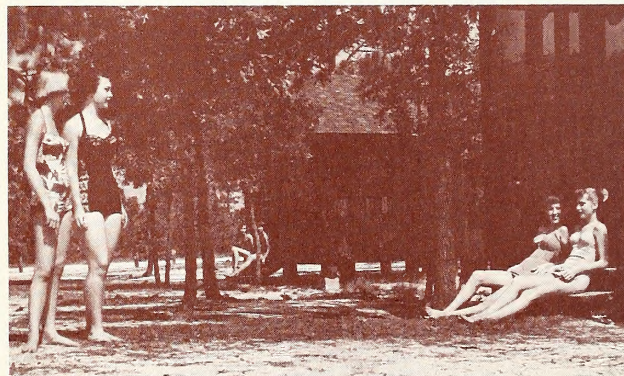
CENTRAL WASHHOUSE



GETTING READY FOR DINNER



HORSESHOE PITCHING IS ALWAYS POPULAR



READY FOR A SWIM

SINGLETARY LAKE Group Camp

LOCATION

Singletary Lake Group Camp is in Bladen County on North Carolina Highway 53, ten miles southeast of Elizabethtown. *Mailing Address:* Singletary Lake Group Camp, Elizabethtown, North Carolina. *Telephone:* Elizabethtown 2178.

DESCRIPTION

Singletary Lake Group Camp is operated primarily for the use of organized groups and is completely equipped to accommodate 100 campers. Facilities available include a large mess hall with kitchen in which are gas stoves, sinks and refrigerators; ten campers' cabins, each accommodating ten campers; two washhouses, each equipped with showers, toilets, lavatories, laundry tubs and hot water; a seven-room staff house; a craft shop; cooks' quarters; and a swimming dock. The group camp is equipped with electricity, running water, and sanitary sewage system.

Singletary Lake, a natural lake with an area of 572 acres and said to have been formed by the impact of meteorites on the earth's surface, is the principal natural feature. The varied and interesting plant and animal life afford ample opportunities for nature

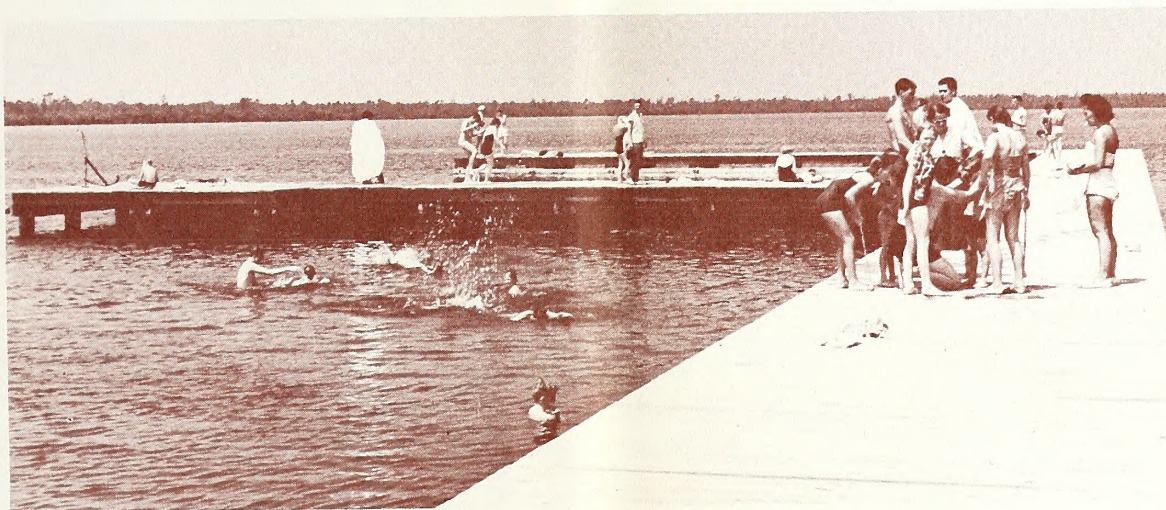


study. Long leaf, loblolly and pond pines, turkey oak, juniper (white cedar) and cypress are among the trees found on the area. Loblolly or bull bay, wax myrtle, gallberry and other shrubs are plentiful and there are many herbaceous plants. Deer, opossum, raccoon and fox may be seen. Besides quail and owls, a number of songbirds inhabit the area.

The 1,287 acres covered by the area are within the boundaries of Bladen Lakes State Forest.

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Boating—Row boats for rent on Singletary Lake. *Fishing*—Bass and panfish in lake. *Organized Camping*—Complete group camp, accommodating 100 campers plus staff, for use of organized youth groups during summer months and organized youth and adult groups during other months. *Park Roads and Parking Areas*—Paved park road to group camp.



SWIMMING PIER FOR ORGANIZED CAMP

WILLIAM B. UMSTEAD



THE MAIN PICNIC SHELTER



CAMPING IS INEXPENSIVE VACATIONING



ARTS AND CRAFTS CLASS IN ORGANIZED CAMP



WATER FRONT ACTIVITY—ORGANIZED CAMP

State Park

LOCATION

William B. Umstead State Park is in Wake County on U. S. Highway 70, eleven miles from Raleigh and thirteen miles from Durham. *Mailing Address:* William B. Umstead State Park, Route 1, Cary, North Carolina. *Telephone:* Raleigh, TEmple 2-8032.

DESCRIPTION

Covering 3,846 acres, William B. Umstead State Park, named in honor of former Governor William B. Umstead, is one of the most beautiful areas in the eastern edge of the Piedmont. The park is heavily wooded and contains quite rugged topography and several picturesque streams.

The three group camps at William B. Umstead State Park provide excellent opportunities for organized camping by youth groups and organized adult groups.

Both plant and animal life are interesting and varied. Some of the wooded areas are pure pine stands, others are mixed pines and hardwoods, and still others are entirely hardwoods. A variety of trees and shrubs, from the beautiful dogwood to the towering tulip poplar, are within the park as is also a variety of wild flowers.

Animals and birds include raccoon, fox, opossum, squirrel, muskrat, rabbit, wild turkey, quail, several species of owl, and a host of songbirds. Whippoorwills are heard on summer nights.

This varied plant and animal life make the area very interesting for outdoor recreation.



THE NATURALIST EXPLAINS

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Picnicking—Two picnic areas equipped with picnic shelter, tables and benches, outdoor fireplaces, water and toilets. *Camping*—Tent and trailer campground with individual camp sites and central washhouse and toilets. *Organized Camping*—Three complete group camps on the shores of a 21-acre lake. *Fishing*—In streams during entire season; in lake during season from Labor Day to June 1. Lake closed to public fishing June, July and August. *Hiking*—System of foot trails. *Nature Study*—Nature trails. Naturalist on duty full time during June, July and August, and on weekends during fall and spring months. *Park Roads and Parking Areas*—Park road system to all developed public use facilities. Paved parking areas at picnic areas.



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